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Applicant: P. A. Billing-Medel, *et al.*

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is an Amendment and Response for P. A. Billing-Medel, *et al.*, for REAGENTS AND METHODS USEFUL FOR DETECTING DISEASES OF THE LUNG, the specification of which was filed on June 5, 1998, and received Serial No. 09/092-296.

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Respectfully submitted,
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AMENDMENT & RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action dated November 8, 1999. Claims 1-14 and 16-33 are pending and elected claims 1-6, 11-12, 14 and 16-33 are currently under examination.

AMENDMENTS

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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Please delete the current title and substitute therefore: POLYNUCLEOTIDES
USEFUL FOR DETECTING DISEASES OF THE LUNG.